

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Office Action has been made issued in response to amendment filed May 22, 2009. Claims 1, 3-17 and 19-54 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Valentino (Reg # :62,396) on May 17, 2010

The application has been amended as follows:

In line one of claim 17 insert the word 'non-transitory' between the words 'A' and 'computer'. [A non-transitory computer...]

In line one of claim 33 insert the word 'non-transitory' between the words 'A' and 'computer'. [A non-transitory computer...]

Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art teaches or fairly suggest " identifying a substantially connected component that includes non-edge pixels and a plurality of substantially connected edge pixels being

substantially connected to the selected edge pixel, wherein the a number of non-edge pixels in the substantially connected component is based on a level of tolerance for non-edge pixels".

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
5. Claims 1, 3-17 and 19-54 now renumbered claims 1-52 are allowed.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDRAE S. ALLISON whose telephone number is (571)270-1052. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vu Le can be reached on (571) 272-7223. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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